

2014 Color Print in First-Class Mail Transactions Promotion

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Daniel Bentley
Marketing Specialist
Mailing Services
United States Postal Service



- Overview
- Promotion Details
- > Eligibility
- > Requirements
- > Timeline
- > Samples
- > Resources
- > Registration



What is the Color Print in First-Class Mail Transactions Promotion?

This promotion

- ✓ Encourages producers of bills and statements to produce mail that creates a greater connection and response from consumers by using color messaging.
- ✓ Designed to grow the value of First-Class Mail and encourage mailers to invest in color print technology.
- ✓ Provides an upfront postage discount to mailers who use dynamic/variable color print for marketing and consumer messages on their bills and statements.





When is the Promotion? August 1 – December 31, 2014

How much discount will a mailer receive?

- ✓ 2% of the eligible First-Class Mail postage. The discount is calculated in PostalOne® and applied to the postage statement at the time of mailing.
 - Note: The discount must be claimed at the time of mailing and cannot be rebated at a later date.



Who is Eligible to Participate?

- ✓ Mailers of bills and statements who have registered for the promotion.
- ✓ Mail Service Providers may prepare and submit mailings for eligible mail owners.

What Mail is Eligible?

✓ First-Class Mail presort and automation letters containing bills and statements with dynamic/variable color print for promotional and consumer messages.



IMb Full-Service Mailings

- ✓ Mailpieces must be part of a Full-Service mailing.
 - 90% of mailpieces in postage statement must be Full-Service compliant.
 - Residual pieces that are part of a Full-Service mailing, and do not meet Full-Service requirements may be contained on the mailing statement and will qualify for the discount if the mailing meets all other promotion requirements.



Requirements cont'd

Postage Payment Method

✓ Postage must be paid using a Permit Imprint or Precancelled Stamp permit. Some Meter Permit mailings may qualify.

Promotion Participation Survey

✓ As part of the terms of participation, all promotion participants must complete a survey at the end of the promotion.



Requirements cont'd

Registration

- Participants and/or MSPs can register
- Register via the Business Customer Gateway (BCG)

Submission

- Mailings must be submitted electronically via Mail.dat, Mail.XML, or Postal Wizard
- Must be part of a full service mailing

Mailpiece

- Must be a bill or statement
- Must contain dynamic color messaging
- Must be an onsert (inserts and addendums do not qualify)
- Color message must be a promotional or consumer message

Discount

- Promotion discount is calculated in PostalOne!®
- Must be claimed at the time of mailing



Timeline

Registration – begins June 15, 2014 and closes on December 31, 2014.

- ✓ Participants and/or Mail Service Providers (MSPs) must register on the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) via the Incentive Program Service gateway.usps.com
- ✓ Promotion participants must complete their registration at least 2 hours prior to presenting the first qualifying mailing.

Promotion Period - August 1 – December 31, 2014

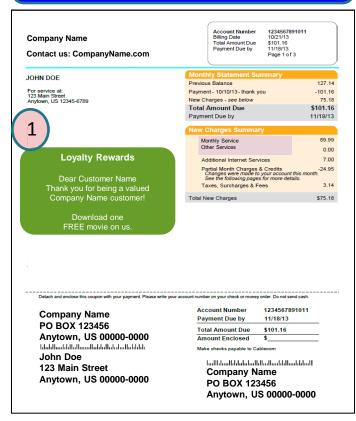
✓ Mail must be tendered for acceptance during the promotion period, August 1 – December 31, 2014. Any qualifying mailing that is accepted and paid for prior to August 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2014 is not eligible for the promotion discount.



Samples



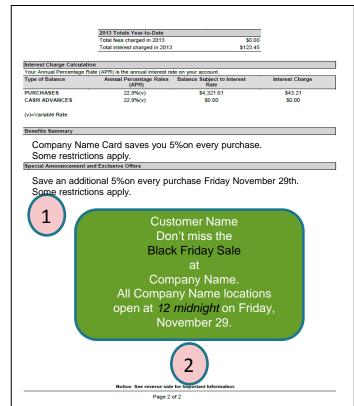
Acceptable Color Statement



 Statement contains a dynamically printed promotional or consumer information message.



Acceptable Color Statement
(with the Marketing or Consumer message on the last page of the bill or statement)



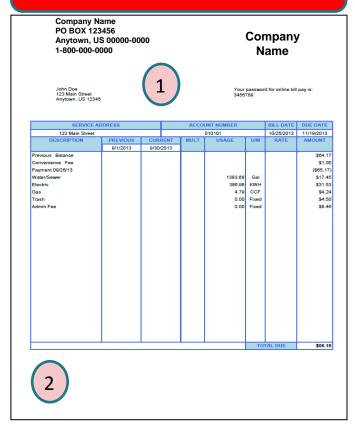
- Statement contains a dynamically printed promotional or consumer information message.
- 2. The promotional message is printed on the same paper stock as the rest of the bill.



Samples cont'd



Unacceptable Color Statement



- Statement does not contain a dynamically printed promotional or consumer information message.
- 2. Color is only used in transactional fields.



Unacceptable Color Statement (at the end of the bill or statement)



- 1. Promotional message is an addendum or separate page added to the statement.
- Statement is not dynamically printed.



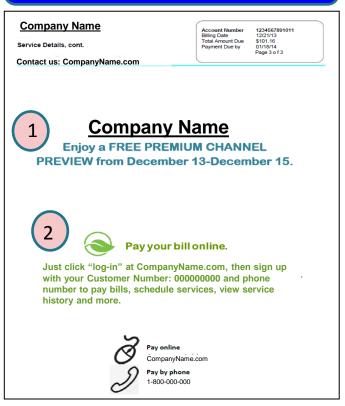
Samples cont'd



Acceptable Color Statement or Bill with E-Payment Marketing Message



Unacceptable Color Statement or Bill with E-Payment Marketing Message



- 1. Statement contains a dynamically printed promotional or consumer information message.
- 2. E-payment messages are allowed but do not qualify for the promotion discount.



- Statement contains only an e-payment message that is NOT accompanied by a promotional or consumer message.
- 2. Statement is *NOT* dynamically printed; preprinted paper stock was used.



Program Office:

Email: FCMColorPromotion@usps.gov

Mail: US Postal Service

Attn: USPS Color Print in FCM Promo

PO Box 23282

Washington, DC 20026-3282

Information about the promotion, program requirements and sample statements

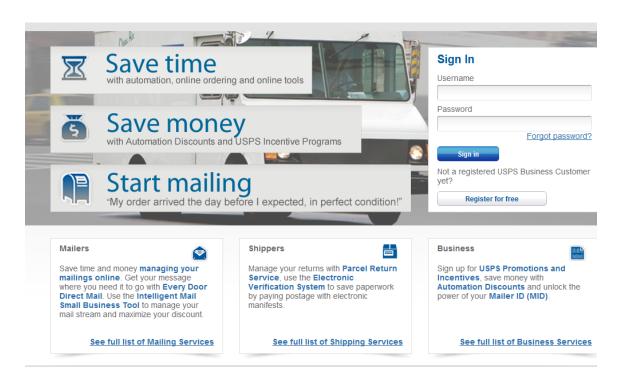
https://ribbs.usps.gov/mailingpromotions/documents/tech_guides/ColorPrintFirstClassPromotion.htm

Or USPS.com at:

https://www.usps.com/business/promotions-and-incentives.htm?



- Register on Business Customer Gateway via the Incentive Program service: https://gateway.usps.com
- Agree to promotion terms at least 2 hrs. prior to presenting the first qualifying mailing
- Specify which permits and/or CRIDs will be participating in the promotion
- Agree to complete a survey on the Business Customer Gateway at end (mailers only)



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ® 2014 Premium Advertising Promotion

Questions

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ® 2014 Premium Advertising Promotion

Thank You!